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SUBJECT: EGYPT'S COTTON IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

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1. AHMED YOUSSEF, COTTON COMMISSIONER FROM ALEXANDRIA, CALLED AGATTACHE CAIRO ON 6/21. HE REPORTED THAT HIGHER COUNCIL FOR FOREIGN TRADE HAS NOT YET MET BECAUSE OF MINISTER'S ILLNESS. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO AGATTACHE'S REQUEST, HE OFFERED PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF EGYPT'S IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR RAW COTTON DURING REMAINDER 1977/78 AND FOR 1978/79.

2. YOUSSEF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PURCHASES OF 60,000 BALES (480 POUNDS, NET WEIGHT) FROM U.S., INCLUDING 30,000 FINANCED UNDER COMMODITY IMPORT PROGRAM (CIP) BY A.I.D. AND 30,000 PURCHASED WITH ARAB FINANCING, PLUS 50,000 PURCHASED FROM SUDAN, WILL TAKE CARE OF EGYPT'S NEEDS FOR REMAINDER OF 1977/78 (THEIR SEPTEMBER-AUGUST MARKETING YEAR). HE FURTHER STATED OPINION THAT EGYPT WILL REQUIRE NOT LESS THAN 1 MILLION METRIC KANTARS (APPROXIMATELY 230,000 U.S. BALES) OF IMPORTED
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RAW COTTON IN 1978/79.

3. YOUSSEF'S ESTIMATES WOULD MEAN THERE IS NO NEED FOR CCC LINE OF CREDIT (GSM-5) TO FINANCE COTTON IMPORTS BEFORE SEPTEMBER, LAST MONTH OF OUR FY-1978. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE LINE OF CREDIT IN PLACE BEFORE OCTOBER TO COVER IMPORTS NEEDED EARLY

IN FY-1979.

4. LIKEWISE, YOUSSEF'S ESTIMATES SLIGHTLY CHANGE
OUR ESTIMATES OF TOTAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN FY-1979
(200,000 U.S. BALES) AND USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT
(81,000 BALES) REPORTED REFTEL (B). DISREGARDING
IMPORTS UNDER CIP, COMMERCIAL IMPORTS IN 1977/78 WOULD
FALL FROM OUR ESTIMATE OF 110,000 TO 80,000 BALES, AND
3-YEAR AVERAGE USED IN CALCULATING UMR BECOMES 71,000
BALES. EILTS

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